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Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi



Papers

F.No.C/125/1/67/JP

Ministry of External Affairs  
(East Asia Division)

S.No. ( 1 )

Receipt

I will not accept short notice.

sd/- M.C. Chagla  
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Dir(EA)

sd/- A.K. Damodaran  
21/3

A draft u.o. note to the Lok Sabha Secretariat  
is submitted for approval please.

*23/3*

US(EA)

*As amended*

*B.B. Gaurav*  
*22/3*

S.No (16) — Issue

F.M. has not accepted this Short Notice ~~has~~  
Question. However, in view of the public interest in the  
subject, we may face further questions. A self-sufficient  
note is placed below.

*A.K. Damodaran*

( A.K. Damodaran )  
Deputy Secretary (East Asia)

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*When short notice is not accepted  
it is not necessary to send any  
note to the Lok Sabha Secretariat -  
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*D.J. (S.A.)*

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*29/3/67 NS(1)*



Ministry of External Affairs  
(East Asia Division)

S.No. (18)

Receipt

We had earlier received a Short Notice Question on the subject, which was not accepted by F.M. Our main file containing that Question has been submitted to F.S. on 23.3.67 with a short note.

US(EA) may kindly see.

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US(EA)

Pl. put up on receipt of the admitted version.

27/3

The final version of Lok Sabha Starred Question No 228 for 3.4.67 has been received. A draft answer and a note for supplementaries are placed below.

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F.M. has approved.

30.3.67

Dir(EA)

Parliament Sec.

There were no supplementaries on C.S.

S.O. no 228 for 3.4.67. EA Sec - may please see for all.

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US(EA) and DS(EA) may kindly see S.No. 20  
(slip D), for information. Thereafter, a copy of it  
will be sent to Tokyo.

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MOST IMMEDIATE  
SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

S. No. (1)  
LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT  
(Question Branch)

SUBJECT: Short Notice Question Dy.No. 30  
regarding Statement by Gen. Fujiwara

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given Short Notice of a question on the subject noted above, a  
copy of which is enclosed.

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are requested kindly to state the facts regarding the above  
question.

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also be requested to state whether he would be prepared to accept  
short notice of the above question and if so, on what date it  
would be convenient for him to answer it.

3. In the absence of any reply being received within 3 days,  
it will be assumed that the Minister is prepared to accept short  
notice of the Question and it will be put down for answer on the  
next day allotted to that Ministry.

It may also please be stated whether the Ministry  
have any objection to the information contained  
therein being conveyed to the Member

J. Raman  
21/3  
for UNDER SECRETARY  
Tel: 32528

✓ P.S. to Minister of External Affairs  
Ministry of External Affairs

L.S.S.U.O.No.SNQ.30 / 10/67-Q dated 20.3.67

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## LOK SABHA

## SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

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Notice was received on 20.3.67

Ministry to which allotted EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## SUBJECT:

SHRI MADHU LIMAYE:

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- (b) whether the Government propose to take the ~~xxxx~~ initiative in setting up a Joint Indo-Japanese probe team; and
- (c) if not, the reason therefor?



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MCST IMMEDIATE  
SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

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- (c) if not, the reason therefor?



S.No(2)  
Hindustan Times 20.3.57 15

## Fujiwara suggests joint inquiry on Netaji

Calcutta, March 19 (UNI)—Lt.-Gen. Fujiwara, retired Japanese General who worked as a liaison officer with the Indian National Army during World War II, suggested here yesterday the Governments of India and Japan hold a joint inquiry to resolve the mystery of the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

He gave an assurance of fullest co-operation from the people of Japan for holding the inquiry which would "end all controversy about Netaji's death once and for all."

Gen Fujiwara, who has come here to present a sword of Subhas Chandra Bose to Netaji Museum, was replying to correspondents' questions on Netaji's death in a reported plane crash in Taipeh in August 1945.

He said there was a plane crash in Taipeh on Aug. 19, 1945, in which several Japanese generals were involved. The news of the crash was immediately and briefly announced by the Imperial Army Headquarters of Japan.

The General said that he knew then the Government of Japan was transporting Netaji from Singapore to Manchuria via Taipeh, but he had no knowledge whether Netaji was involved in the crash.

He said the announcement of the Imperial Headquarters on the crash was very brief.

Asked about the reason for such a brief announcement, he said it was mainly due to the "terrible confusion prevailing at that time after the immediate surrender of Japan."

### Request accepted

The General said that as Japan's surrender became imminent, Netaji sent a request to the Government of Japan to take him to Manchuria so that he could reach the USSR and launch a fresh struggle for India's independence.

The Government of Japan readily agreed to Netaji's request. Netaji left Singapore on Aug. 15 (three days before the Taipeh crash) on way to Manchuria via Bangkok, Saigon and Taipeh, he said.

Gen Fujiwara said that after the war, Japan was put under Gen MacArthur's rule and most of the senior army officers were held in prison so that there was great difficulty in getting correct information.

Gen Fujiwara paid glowing tribute to Netaji whom he described as a "born with a strong personality and determination and full of love and wisdom."

He said he had been associated with many freedom fighters of India in Southeast Asia and especially with the India Independence League, long before the INA was formed.

Replying to a question, he said he first came in direct contact with Netaji in August 1943 in Kanan, in Singapore, and had his last meeting with him in Maymyo in Burma in January 1944 when the INA was advancing towards Manipur.



Ind. No. (3)  
Indian Express 20.3.67 (6)

## Netaji's sword returned

Express News Service

CALCUTTA, March 19—The sword of Netaji was formally returned at Netaji Bhavan here by Lt-Gen Fujiwara, who was a liaison officer between the Japanese army and the Indian National Army, when Mr Subhash Chandra Bose was in Japan.

Mr Sisir Kumar Bose, Executive Director of the Netaji Research Bureau, received it on behalf of the country.

The sword will be kept in the Netaji Museum.

Miss Padmaja Naidu, Governor, who presided over the function, said the sword, a "tangible relic of that great man," should be preserved not as a weapon of destruction but as a symbol of strength.

The three-foot-long sword with an exquisitely carved handle was presented to Netaji by Mr Shichihel Isono of Sukuoka, South Japan, when Netaji visited the country towards the end of 1943 as supreme commander of the INA and the head of the Azad Hind Government.

The sword bears a Japanese inscription: "To His Excellency Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose." On the lid of the sword's original wooden box is another inscription in Japanese: "Haja Kensho"—destroy evil and exalt justice.



S.M. (4)  
Sunday Standard

19.3.67

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### Probe in Netaji's death suggested

CALCUTTA, March 18 (PTI)—Lt General Iwaichi Fujiwara, formerly Japanese Liaison Officer with the Indian National Army, today said that both India and Japan should co-operate in finding out the truth about the reported death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in an air crash.

Addressing a Press conference here, Gen Fujiwara, who is now Executive Director of the National Foreign Affairs Foundation of Japan, said the Government of Japan and its people would extend their full assistance "from the bottom of our heart" in this regard. "We will go all out to help a commission which should be set up to inquire into the reported incident", he added.



Slatsman S. No (5) 20.3-67

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## PROBE INTO DEATH OF NETAJI JAPANESE OFFICIAL'S SUGGESTION

CALCUTTA, Mar 19.—Lt-Gen Iwaichi Fujiwara, who was Japanese Liaison Officer with the former Indian National Army, yesterday said that India and Japan should co-operate in ascertaining the truth about the reported death of Netaji Subhas Bose in an air crash, reports PTI.

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The news of the air crash, Gen Fujiwara said, had "terribly shocked" the people of Japan and he himself could not personally check its authenticity as he was in a military hospital then. Moreover, confusion prevailed in Japan at the time in view of the country's unconditional surrender.

Recalling his association with Netaji, Gen Fujiwara said "he was a man of great calibre and a born leader".



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## FUJIWARA LAYS WREATH AT NETAJI STATUE

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Calcutta, March 18 (PTI) - Floral tributes were offered at the foot of Netaji's statue by Lt.-Gen. I. Fujiwara, former Japanese liaison officer with the Indian National Army of Netaji Bose at a distinguished gathering near Raj Bhavan here this morning. Chief Minister Ajoy Mukherjee and Mr. Hemanta Kumar Basu, PWD Minister also offered wreaths.

Among those present on the occasion were ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Mr. S. Shigihara, Japanese Consul in Calcutta, Mr. Amiya Nath Bose, MP and Mr. S.A. Ayer, Propaganda Minister in the provincial government set up by Netaji.

In a short speech Gen. Fujiwara said he was happy to be able to pay his tribute to Netaji at the foot of his statue and his mission this time was to hand over to the Netaji Museum the sword presented to the great Indian leader in Japan during his struggle for freeing his motherland from the bondage of foreign rule.



UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.945.

L O K   S A B H A

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.945.

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH MARCH 1961.

ASHES OF NETAJI

QUESTION

No.945.   SHRI AMJAD ALI: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

- (a)            whether it is a fact that Government propose to bring in India the ashes of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose;
- (b)            if so, when do they propose to bring them to India; and
- (c)            what arrangements have been made to accord the ashes the respect and honour that is due to them?



## LOK SABHA

## STARRED QUESTION No.623

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH MARCH, 1965

NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

## QUESTION

No.623 Shri Rameshwar Tantia  
Shri Hukam Chand Kachhawaiya  
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa  
Shri S.M. Bannerjee  
Shri Yashpal Singh  
Shri P.R. Chakravarti  
Shri K.N. Tiwary  
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath  
Shri P.L. Barupal  
Shri Surma Prasad  
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey  
Shri Sarjoo Pandey  
Shri Bishjuti Mishra

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that he told the Pressmen during his visit to Varanasi on the 27th December, 1964, that the Government would contact the West Bengal Government ~~would~~ to investigate that Netaji was alive and that the Shaulmari Ashram was Netaji; and
- (b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard.

ANSWER

The Prime Minister of India  
(Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri)

- (a) In the course of his informal talk with pressmen at Varanasi on the 27th December, 1964, the Prime Minister said that the Sanyasi of the Shaulmari Ashram had himself declared several times that he was not Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The Prime Minister added that he would, however, again contact the Chief Minister of West Bengal in the matter.
- (b) The Government of West Bengal have made enquiries in the matter and have found that the Sanyasi of the Shaulmari Ashram is not Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

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## RAJYA SABHA

## STARRED QUESTION NO.51

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH AUGUST, 1965

STATEMENT ON WHEREABOUTS OF  
NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSEQUESTION

No.51

SHRI P.C. MITRA  
SHRI G.K. KAPUR

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement made Dr. Satyanarain Sinha, a former Member of the Lok Sabha, at a public meeting in Calcutta Maidan, in which he is reported to have stated that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had been kept in Cell No.46 in a prison in Siberia; and
- (b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this connection?

ANSWERThe Deputy Minister of External Affairs  
(Shri Dinesh Singh)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) It will be recalled that an official Enquiring Committee was appointed in 1956 to investigate the facts relating to the reported death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The Committee after examining all the evidence had presented a report which established that Netaji had actually died in the air accident in 1945. Government are satisfied that there is no need to hold further enquiry.

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LOK SABHAUNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2435TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1965ASHES OF NETAJIQUESTION

No. 2435     SHRI S.M. BANERJEE:     Will the Minister of  
External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a)     whether his attention has been drawn to the statement  
of the Chief Minister of West Bengal on his return from Japan  
that the ashes said to be of Netaji Subhas Bose kept there are  
actually not of Netaji;
- (b)     if so, whether any investigation has been made in this  
matter; and
- (c)     the result of such investigation?
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ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SARDAR SWARAN SINGH)

- (a)     The Chief Minister of West Bengal, on his return  
from Japan, had made no statement whatsoever that the ashes  
kept in Renkoji temple in Japan were not actually those of  
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.
- (b)     Does not arise.
- (c)     Does not arise.

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## LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION No.729

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1965

NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

QUESTION

No.729

SHRI SURENDRANATH DWIVEDI  
SHRI S.M. BANERJEE  
SHRI MOHAN SWARUP  
SHRI BAGRI  
SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH  
SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHHVAIYA  
SHRI H.V. KAMATH

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a resolution passed by the Calcutta High Court Bar Association demanding a thorough enquiry into the mystery of death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose;
- (b) whether there is any truth in the news that the late Prime Minister even after the report of Shah Nawaz Committee had written to one of the brothers of Netaji that no precise data was available about the death of Netaji; and
- (c) what is the reaction of Government and whether they consider the necessity of appointment of a commission of Jurists to enquire into this matter?

ANSWER

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs  
(Shri Lakshmi N. Menon)

- (a) It is in the knowledge of the Government of India that on July 9, 1965, the Calcutta High Court Bar Association passed a resolution demanding the appointment of a Commission of enquiry of eminent Jurists to enquire into the matter afresh'.
- (b) In reply to a letter dated the 12th May, 1962, from Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, the late Prime Minister Shri Jawaharlal Nehru wrote to the former on 13th May, 1962. In that letter, Panditji had said:

"You ask me to send you proof of the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. I cannot send you any precise and direct proof. But all the circumstantial evidence that has been produced and which has been referred to in the Enquiry Committee's report has convinced us of the fact that

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Netaji has died!

In reply to Shri Suresh Chandra Bose's subsequent letter, dated 8th August, 1962, Panditji wrote to him on 12th August, 1962, as follows :

"I wrote to you that all the circumstantial evidence made me believe that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had died. Much of this evidence was given in the report made by the committee appointed for this purpose, which visited Japan. You will find the date, place and circumstances mentioned in that committee's Report".

"Apart from that report, the length of time that has elapsed is itself confirmatory of the fact of his death".

(c) The Government of India continue to hold the view that there is no justification for the setting up of a fresh enquiry committee to go into the matter.

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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 654

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH DECEMBER, 1965

MEMORIAL FOR NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE

QUESTION

\* No. 654      Shri S.C. Samanta  
                  Shri Subodh Hansa  
                  Shri M.L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of External

Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 729 on the 20th September, 1965 and state:

- (a) Whether consequent on the findings of the Shah Nawaz Committee's Report and the comments of our late Prime Minister, Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru, on the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Government of India is contemplating to bring to India the ashes of Netaji kept in Renkoji temple in Japan;
- (b) if so, whether a fitting memorial will be constructed in front of the Red Fort, Delhi; and
- (c) if not, how Netaji's memory is going to be preserved?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SARDAR SWARAN SINGH)

- (a) This is not contemplated at present.
- (b) & The question of construction of memorials in Delhi in the
- (c) form of statues for seven national leaders is currently being considered by the Ministry of Works and Housing. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose is one of these leaders.

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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH MARCH, 1966

STATEMENT REGARDING NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

QUESTION

Shri Daji  
Shri H.C. Kachhavaia  
Shri S.M. Bannerjee  
Shri J.S. Sidhanti  
Shri L.M. Singhvi  
Shri Yudhvair Singh  
Shri Bade  
Shri Lakhmu Bhavani :

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by Shri Suresh Bose, brother of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, wherein he has claimed that Netaji is alive;
- (b) whether he has also declared that Netaji will come to India in March; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SARDAR SWARAN SINGH)

- (a)&(b) The Government of India are aware that Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, brother of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, made a statement in February at Madurai saying that "Netaji Bose is alive today" and that Netaji would be back in India in March.
- (c) The Enquiry Committee which was appointed in 1956 to investigate the facts relating to the reported death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose had established that Netaji had actually died in an air accident in 1945. The Government has accepted the findings of this Committee.

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STARRED QUESTION NO.284

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.284

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH MAY, 1966

NEWS ABOUT NETAJI

QUESTION

\*No.284 SHRI R.K. BHUWALKA: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 7th March, 1966 under the caption "Netaji still alive";
- (b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative whether any information is being collected in this regard; and
- (c) if so, what are the details thereof?

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ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SARDAR SWARAN SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): The Enquiry Committee which was appointed in 1956 to investigate the facts relating to the reported death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose had established that Netaji had actually died in an air accident in 1945. The Government have accepted these findings and have not come across any further information that would contradict the findings of the Enquiry Committee.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No.855  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1ST AUGUST, 1966  
NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE

QUESTION

Shri Mishra:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Formosa have set up a Commission to inquire into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from the airport;
- (b) whether this has been done at the instance of the private agencies; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SARDAR SWARAN SINGH)

- (a) The Government of India have seen press reports stating that an officer of the Government of Formosa "has been directed to investigate the mystery of the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose".
- (b) According to Press reports this has been done at the instance of certain individuals in India.
- (c) The Government of India have no diplomatic relations with the Government in Taiwan and have no connection with any investigation reportedly ordered by that Government. It has been stated several times in Parliament that the Government of India have accepted the findings of the Netaji Enquiry Committee headed by Shri Shah Nawaz Khan.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 265

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 265

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND AUGUST, 1966

FORMOSAN ENQUIRY ABOUT NETAJI

QUESTION

No. 265      SHRI CHITTA BASU:      Will the Minister of  
External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a)      whether Government are aware that the Government of Formosa have set up a committee to enquire into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945; and
- (b)      if so, whether Government propose to associate with that enquiry?

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ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SARDAR SWARAN SINGH)

- (a)      Yes, Sir.
  - (b)      Government of India have no diplomatic relations with the Government of Taiwan. Further, it has been stated several times in Parliament that the Government of India have accepted the findings of the Netaji Enquiry Committee headed by Shri Shah Nawaz Khan.
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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION No.623

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH MARCH, 1965

NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

QUESTION

No.623 Shri Rameshwar Tantia  
Shri Hukam Chand Kachhavaia  
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa  
Shri S.M. Bannerjee  
Shri Yashpal Singh  
Shri P.R. Chakravarti  
Shri K.N. Tiwary  
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath  
Shri P.L. Barupal  
Shri Surma Prasad  
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey  
Shri Sarjoo Pandey  
Shri Bishjuti Mishra

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that he told the Pressmen during his visit to Varanasi on the 27th December, 1964, that the Government would contact the West Bengal Government ~~would~~ to investigate that Netaji was alive and that the Shaulmari Ashram was Netaji; and
- (b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard.

ANSWER

The Prime Minister of India  
(Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri)

- (a) In the course of his informal talk with pressmen at Varanasi on the 27th December, 1964, the Prime Minister said that the Sanyasi of the Shaulmari Ashram had himself declared several times that he was not Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The Prime Minister added that he would, however, again contact the Chief Minister of West Bengal in the matter.
- (b) The Government of West Bengal have made enquiries in the matter and have found that the Sanyasi of the Shaulmari Ashram is not Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

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RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.51

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH AUGUST, 1965

STATEMENT ON WHEREABOUTS OF  
NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

QUESTION

No.51

SHRI P.C. MITRA

SHRI G.K. KAPUR

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement made Dr. Satyanarain Sinha, a former Member of the Lok Sabha, at a public meeting in Calcutta Maidan, in which he is reported to have stated that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had been kept in Cell No.46 in a prison in Siberia; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this connection?

ANSWER

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs  
(Shri Dinesh Singh)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It will be recalled that an official Enquiring Committee was appointed in 1956 to investigate the facts relating to the reported death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The Committee after examining all the evidence had presented a report which established that Netaji had actually died in the air accident in 1945. Government are satisfied that there is no need to hold further enquiry.

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## LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION No.729

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1965

NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

QUESTION

No.729

SHRI SURENDRANATH DWIVEDI  
SHRI S.M. BANERJEE  
SHRI MOHAN SWARUP  
SHRI BAGRI  
SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH  
SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHHVAIYA  
SHRI H.V. KAMATH

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a resolution passed by the Calcutta High Court Bar Association demanding a thorough enquiry into the mystery of death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose;
- (b) whether there is any truth in the news that the late Prime Minister even after the report of Shah Nawaz Committee had written to one of the brothers of Netaji that no precise data was available about the death of Netaji; and
- (c) what is the reaction of Government and whether they consider the necessity of appointment of a commission of Jurists to enquire into this matter?

ANSWER

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs  
(Shri Lakshmi N. Menon)

- (a) It is in the knowledge of the Government of India that on July 9, 1965, the Calcutta High Court Bar Association passed a resolution demanding the appointment of 'a Commission of enquiry of eminent Jurists to enquire into the matter afresh'.
- (b) In reply to a letter dated the 12th May, 1962, from Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, the late Prime Minister Shri Jawaharlal Nehru wrote to the former on 13th May, 1962. In that letter, Panditji had said:

"You ask me to send you proof of the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. I cannot send you any precise and direct proof. But all the circumstantial evidence that has been produced and which has been referred to in the Enquiry Committee's report has convinced us of the fact that

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Netaji has died!"

In reply to Shri Suresh Chandra Bose's subsequent letter, dated 8th August, 1962, Panditji wrote to him on 12th August, 1962, as follows :

"I wrote to you that all the circumstantial evidence made me believe that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had died. Much of this evidence was given in the report made by the committee appointed for this purpose, which visited Japan. You will find the date, place and circumstances mentioned in that committee's Report".

"Apart from that report, the length of time that has elapsed is itself confirmatory of the fact of his death".

(c) The Government of India continue to hold the view that there is no justification for the setting up of a fresh enquiry committee to go into the matter.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2105

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH MARCH, 1966

STATEMENT REGARDING NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

QUESTION

Shri Daji  
Shri H.C. Kachhavaia  
Shri S.M. Bannerjee  
Shri J.S. Sidhanti  
Shri L.M. Singhvi  
Shri Yudhvair Singh  
Shri Bade  
Shri Lakhmu Bhavani :

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by Shri Suresh Bose, brother of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, wherein he has claimed that "Netaji is alive;
- (b) whether he has also declared that Netaji will come to India in March; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SARDAR SWARAN SINGH)

- (a)&(b) The Government of India are aware that Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, brother of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, made a statement in February at Madurai saying that "Netaji Bose is alive today" and that Netaji would be back in India in March.
- (c) The Enquiry Committee which was appointed in 1956 to investigate the facts relating to the reported death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose had established that Netaji had actually died in an air accident in 1945. The Government has accepted the findings of this Committee.

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STARRED QUESTION NO.284

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.284

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH MAY, 1966

NEWS ABOUT NETAJI

QUESTION

\*No.284 SHRI R.K. BHUWALKA: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 7th March, 1966 under the caption "Netaji still alive";
- (b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative whether any information is being collected in this regard; and
- (c) if so, what are the details thereof?

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ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SARDAR SWARAN SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): The Enquiry Committee which was appointed in 1956 to investigate the facts relating to the reported death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose had established that Netaji had actually died in an air accident in 1945. The Government have accepted these findings and have not come across any further information that would contradict the findings of the Enquiry Committee.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No.855

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1ST AUGUST, 1966

NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE

QUESTION

Shri Mishra:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Formosa have set up a Commission to inquire into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from the airport;
- (b) whether this has been done at the instance of the private agencies; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SARDAR SWARAN SINGH)

- (a) The Government of India have seen press reports stating that an officer of the Government of Formosa "has been directed to investigate the mystery of the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose".
- (b) According to Press reports this has been done at the instance of certain individuals in India.
- (c) The Government of India have no diplomatic relations with the Government in Taiwan and have no connection with any investigation reportedly ordered by that Government. It has been stated several times in Parliament that the Government of India have accepted the findings of the Netaji Enquiry Committee headed by Shri Shah Nawaz Khan.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.265

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.265

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND AUGUST, 1966

FORMOSAN ENQUIRY ABOUT NETAJI

QUESTION

No.265      SHRI CHITTA BASU:                      Will the Minister of  
External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a)            whether Government are aware that the Government  
of Formosa have set up a committee to enquire into the  
disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945; and  
(b)            if so, whether Government propose to associate  
with that enquiry?

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ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SARDAR SWARAN SINGH)

- (a)            Yes, Sir.
- (b)            Government of India have no diplomatic relations  
with the Government of Taiwan. Further, it has been stated  
several times in Parliament that the Government of India  
have accepted the findings of the Netaji Enquiry Committee  
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- (a) whether Government are aware that the Government of Formosa have set up a committee to enquire into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945; and
- (b) if so, whether Government propose to ~~associate~~ associate with that enquiry?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(Sardar Swaran Singh)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India have diplomatic relations with the Government of Taiwan. Further, it has been stated several times in Parliament that the Government of India have accepted the findings of the Netaji Enquiry Committee headed by Shri Shah Nawaz Khan.

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ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(Sardar Swaran Singh)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India have diplomatic relations with the Government of Taiwan. Further, it has been stated several times in Parliament that the Government of India have accepted the findings of the Netaji Enquiry Committee headed by Shri Shah Nawaz Khan.

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S.No (16)

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Most Immediate  
Short Notice Question

Ministry of External Affairs  
(East Asia Division)

Subject :- Short Notice Question Dy.No.30 regarding  
statement by General Fujiwara.

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Lok Sabha Secretariat may kindly refer to their  
u.o. No.SNQ.30/1/67 dated 20-3-1967 forwarding a copy  
of Short Notice Question by Shri Madhu Limaye regarding  
the statement by Lt. General (Retired) Iwaichi Fujiwara  
about Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

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2. Government of India have seen Press Reports mentioned  
in part (a) of the Question about the statement of  
General Fujiwara who is reported to have suggested a joint  
Indo-Japanese probe into the death of Netaji Subhash  
Chandra Bose.

3. So far as the Government of India are concerned,  
they have already stated in the Parliament several times,  
in answers to Questions as detailed below, that the  
findings of the Netaji Enquiry Committee, headed by  
Shri Shah Nawaz Khan and submitted to the Government in  
1956, have been accepted by the Government.

- S.No (7)*
- (a) Lok Sabha Starred Question No.623,  
answered on 29-3-1965;
- S.No (8)*
- (b) Rajya Sabha Starred Question No.51,  
answered on 17-8-1965;
- S.No (10)*
- (c) Lok Sabha Starred Question No.729,  
answered on 20-9-1965;
- S.No (12)*
- (d) Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2105,  
answered on 14-3-1966;
- S.No (13)*
- (e) Rajya Sabha Starred Question No.284,  
answered on 17-5-1966;
- S.No (14)*
- (f) Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.855,  
answered on 1-8-1966; and
- S.No (15)*
- (g) Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.265,  
answered on 2-8-1966.

According to this Committee, Netaji Subhash Chandra  
Bose died in an air crash at Taihoku on 18th August, 1945.

4. As the Government of India are satisfied that the  
report of the Netaji Enquiry Committee referred to above  
is accurate, and as General Fujiwara has not come forward  
with concrete evidence in support of his proposal, it



does not seem necessary for the Government of India to take it seriously. These facts are well-known to Members of the Parliament. Therefore, the Foreign Minister expresses his regret to accept this Short Notice Question.

*B.P. Agarwal*  
o/c (B.P. Agarwal)  
Under Secretary (EA)

Lok Sabha Secretariat (Question Branch)  
M.E.A. U.O.No.C/125/1/67 dated 23-3-1967.



S.No. (17)  
Ministry of External Affairs  
(East Asia Division)

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Since the Shah Nawaz Committee Report was published in 1956, demands have been made both in Parliament and elsewhere on several occasions that another Enquiry Committee be appointed. The suggestion for this was due to the fact that one of the members, Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, the brother of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, did not agree with the findings and submitted a dissentient report. The Government of India, however, have consistently taken the position that neither the dissentient report nor the evidence which Shri Bose had referred justified the view that the findings of the Commission required revision, and have, therefore, refused to order another enquiry. The last time such a request was made was in 1966 when press reports from Formosa suggesting that the Nationalist Chinese Government have set up a Committee provoked a Parliamentary Question on August 2, 1966, from Shri Chitta Basu. At that time, the Foreign Minister repeated that "it has been stated several times in Parliament that the Government of India have accepted the findings of the Netaji Enquiry Committee headed by Shri Shah Nawaz Khan". The present Short Notice Question has been provoked by the statement of Lt. General (Retired) Iwaichi Fujiwara, a Japanese army officer, who is now in India to present the sword which he claimed to have discovered in a curio shop in Tokyo. Lt. General Fujiwara in a press conference on Sunday was reported to have said that the Governments of India and Japan should hold a joint enquiry to resolve the mystery of the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Unfortunately, however, no press report makes it clear what reasons the General has for doubting the accepted evidence of the Shah Nawaz Commission that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose met his death in an air crash at Taihoku on 18th August, 1945. Without knowing more about General Fujiwara's reasons, it would not be proper on our part to agree to change the attitude which we have been taking for such a long time. Unless General Fujiwara brings forward concrete evidence to justify his demand, it does not seem necessary for us to change the present position. Even if General Fujiwara is able to convince the Government of India that there are grounds for re-opening the question and that there are mysterious aspects of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's death, Government will still have to conduct diplomatic conversations



with the Government of Japan before any decision is reached. In this connection it may be mentioned that General Fujiwara's coming to India and his presentation of the sword to the Netaji Museum in Calcutta have all been done on his private initiative and that the Government of Japan have not taken any official interest in the matter. It is also pertinent to point out that General Fujiwara does not seem to have come forward as a witness before the Shah Nawaz Enquiry Committee and has also been silent on the subject so long. We do not know, therefore, whether at this moment he is merely playing to the gallery or whether he is making a serious suggestion. The question of forming an Indo-Japanese Enquiry Committee would, therefore, depend on two pre-conditions : (a) bringing forward new evidence either by Lt. General Fujiwara or the Netaji Research Bureau which would justify the appointment of a new enquiry team; and (b) negotiations with the Japanese Government for a joint enquiry.

For the immediate present we could continue to maintain that the Japanese General's statement does not contain anything new and that a new enquiry is not called for. However, in view of the fact that the Forward Bloc is now represented in the West Bengal Government and this is a subject on which several opposition Members in the Lok Sabha might have strong views, we might have to face a campaign to revise the decision.

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S. No. 181  
QUESTION FOR THE LOK SABHA—ADVANCE NOTICE

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PROBE INTO THE DEATH OF NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

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S.No(19)

LOK SABHA

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List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS  
Monday, April 3, 1967.

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Probe into the Death of Netaji  
Subhash Chandra Bose

✓ 228. Shri Madhu Limaye:  
Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:  
Shri S. Kundu:  
Shri Baidhar Behera:  
Shri Srinivas Misra:  
Shri Samar Guha:  
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STARRED QUESTION NO. 228

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 228

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD APRIL, 1967.

PROBE INTO THE DEATH OF NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

QUESTION

\*NO. 228    SHRI MADHU LIMAYE:                      SHRI SRINIVAS MISRA:  
             SHRI RAM KISHAN GUPTA:            SHRI SAMAR GUHA:  
             SHRI S. KUNDU:                        SHRI MOHAN SWARUP:  
             SHRI BAIDHAR BEHERA:

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- (b) whether Government propose to take the initiative in setting up a Joint Indo-Japanese probe team; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI M.C. CHAGLA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) It will be recalled that an Official Enquiry Committee was appointed in 1956 to investigate the facts relating to the reported death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The Committee, after examining all the evidence, had presented a report which established that Netaji had actually died in an air accident in 1945. The Government are convinced that the report is accurate and there is no need for further enquiry. Lt. General Fujiwara has not come forward with any new facts.



लोकसभा:

तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या: २२

३ अप्रैल १९६९ - १३ चैत्र १९८६ (शक) को लोकसभा

की बैठक में उठार दिए जाने के लिए

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+ प्रश्न:

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श्री एस० कन्दू:

श्री बेघरबेहेरा:

श्री श्रीनिवास मिश्र:

श्री समर गुह:

श्री मोहन स्वरूप:

क्या वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क): क्या आजाद हिन्द फौज से सम्बद्ध जापान के सेवा-निवृत्त लेफ्टिनेंट जनरल फूजीवारा द्वारा दिये गये नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस का 'मृत्यु' से सम्बन्धित परिस्थितियों के बारे में जांचिये जाने के वक्तव्य को और सरकार का ध्यान दिलाया गया है;

(ख): क्या इस संबंध में एक संयुक्त भारतीय-जापानी जांच दल नियुक्त करने के लिए पहल करने का सरकार का विचार है; और

(ग): यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

उत्तर:

श्री मो० क० जागला:

विदेश मंत्री:

(क): जी हाँ।

(ख): जी नहीं।

(ग): आपको याद होगा कि, १९५६ में नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस की कथित मृत्यु के बारे में तथ्यों की जांच-पड़ताल करने के लिए एक सरकारी जांच समिति नियुक्त की गई थी। तमाम साक्ष्य को जांच करने के बाद समिति ने एक रिपोर्ट



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लो० सभा तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या २२८

दो थी जिसमें यह स्थिर किया गया था कि नेताजी वास्तव में १९४५ की एक हवाई दुर्घटना में मर गए थे। सरकार इससे आश्वस्त है कि यह रिपोर्ट सही है और आगे जांच करने की कोई ज़रूरत नहीं है। लो जनरल फुजीवारा ने कोई नए तथ्य सामने नहीं रखे हैं।

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD APRIL, 1967.

QUESTION

SHRI MADHU LIMAYE  
SHRI RAM KISHAN GUPTA  
SHRI S. KUNDU  
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(b) whether Government propose  
to take the initiative in settling  
up a Joint Indo-Japanese probe team;  
and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) It will be recalled  
that an Official Enquiry  
Committee was appointed in  
1956 to investigate the  
facts relating to the  
reported death of Netaji  
Subhash Chandra Bose. The  
Committee, after examining  
all the evidence, had  
presented a report which  
established that Netaji  
had actually died in an  
air accident in 1945. The  
Government are convinced  
that the report is accurate  
and there is no need for  
further enquiry.

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Lt. General Fujiwara has not  
come forward with any new  
facts.



NOTE FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES

(On Lok Sabha Starred Question No.228 for 3.4.1967)

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In response to the public demand that all the facts relating to the last stages of Netaji's life should be enquired into and made known, an Enquiry Committee was appointed by the Government of India in April, 1956. The Committee consisted of Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, (elder brother of Netaji) and Shri S.N. Maitra, Chief Commissioner of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The report of this Committee which was signed by Shri Shah Nawaz Khan and Shri S.N. Maitra, was released for publication in September, 1956. The Government of India accepted the report. The third member, namely, Shri Suresh Chandra Bose did not sign the report. Later on he submitted a separate report dissenting from the findings of the majority report. After laying a copy of this report on the Table of the House on 11.9.1956, the late Prime Minister, Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru, made a statement in the Lok Sabha in which he said inter alia that Government felt that the evidence adduced in the report was practically overwhelming and should be accepted. The conclusion reached by the Enquiry Committee was that Netaji met his death as a result of an air crash at Taihoku airfield in Formosa on August 18, 1945 and that his ashes are now at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo;

2. Since the Shah Nawaz Committee Report was published, demands have been made both in Parliament and elsewhere on several occasions that another Enquiry Committee be appointed. The suggestion for this was due to the fact that one of the members, Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, the brother of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, did not agree with the findings and submitted a dissentient report. The Government of India, however, have consistently taken the position that neither the dissentient report nor the evidence

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which Shri Bose had referred justified the view that the findings of the Commission required revision, and have, therefore, refused to order another enquiry. The last time such a request was made was in 1966 when press reports from Formosa suggesting that the Nationalist Chinese Government have set up a Committee provoked a Parliamentary Question on August 2, 1966, from Shri Chitta Basu. At that time, the Foreign Minister repeated that "it has been stated several times in Parliament that the Government of India have accepted the findings of the Netaji Enquiry Committee headed by Shri Shah Nawaz Khan". The present question has been provoked by the statement of Lt. General (Retired) Iwaichi Fujiwara, a Japanese army officer, who is now in India to present the sword which he claimed to have discovered in a curio shop in Tokyo; Lt. General Fujiwara in a press conference on Sunday was reported to have said that the Governments of India and Japan should hold a joint enquiry to resolve the mystery of the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Unfortunately, however, ~~the~~ <sup>@</sup> press report ~~makes it~~ <sup>doesn't</sup> clear <sup>The</sup> what reasons the General has for doubting the accepted evidence of the Shah Nawaz Commission that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose met his death in an air crash at Taihoku on 18th August, 1945. Without knowing more about General Fujiwara's reasons, it would not be proper on our part to agree to change the attitude which we have been taking for such a long time. Unless General Fujiwara brings forward concrete evidence to justify his demand, it does not seem necessary for us to change the present position. Even if General Fujiwara is able to convince the Government of India that there are grounds for re-opening the question and that there are mysterious aspects of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's death, Government will still have to conduct diplomatic conversations with the Government of Japan before any decision is reached. In this connection it may be mentioned that General Fujiwara

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coming to India and his presentation of the sword to the Netaji Museum in Calcutta have all been done on his private initiative and that the Government of Japan have not taken any official interest in the matter. It is also pertinent to point out that General Fujiwara does not seem to have come forward as a witness before the Shah Nawaz ~~Khan~~ Enquiry Committee and has also been silent on the subject so long. We do not know, therefore, whether at this moment he is merely playing to the gallery or whether he is making a serious suggestion. The question of forming an Indo-Japanese Enquiry Committee would, therefore, depend on two pre-conditions : (a) bringing forward new evidence either by Lt. General Fujiwara or the Netaji Research Bureau which would justify the appointment of a new enquiry team; and (b) negotiations with the Japanese Government for a joint enquiry.

For the immediate present we could continue to maintain that the Japanese General's statement does not contain anything new and that a new enquiry is not called for.



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Please find enclosed for information a copy  
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SUBJECT : Short Notice Question Dy. No. 30  
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Sir/Madam,

I am directed to inform you that the Minister of Ex. Aff

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noted above. It has, however, been admitted for answer in the ordinary course on the

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Yours faithfully,

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